

"The possibility of them prevailing to railroad the acceptance of this flawed design worries me! But I am undaunted in my attempt to start over, to scrap it, and get a new design. That doesn't include a bow to the Islamic fanatics.

"An investigation is needed to avoid a cataclysmic mistake. It must be now, or else the flawed design could come about. Let us get at the truth. Their stubborn persistence is terribly misguided. Maybe well intentioned, but flawed in telling me that I don't see what I see.

"Designer Paul Murdoch (and others) are engaging in personal attacks on anyone opposed, including Alec Rawls who has written widely damning the Memorial. His latest, a book, "Crescent of Betrayal," gives a reasoned and thorough explanation for scrap-ping it.

"I am suggesting that it is past time to start over with a new design, one that will truly be worthy of those 40 heroes."

Madam Speaker, may God bless Tom Burnett and his family. And may God bless America and all the heroes like Tom who gave their lives to save others on September 11.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER PAUL ELIZONDO, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary person and a dynamic force within the Center for Health Care Services community. Commissioner Paul Elizondo served with distinction on the Center for Health Care Services Board of Directors for 8 years. From 1988 until 1995 he served first as Board Secretary and then he served two terms as the chairman of the board.

CHCS would not have been the same without the efforts of Paul Elizondo. As chairman, he worked tirelessly, both internally and externally, to improve the center's services to its clients. He encouraged, funded, and pushed innovative programs in child and adolescent mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and mental retardation services.

During his tenure, the center rose to national prominence and he was appointed to the Executive Board of the National Council of Community Health Centers. I'm pleased to recognize his continuous dedication and willingness to foster the growth of CHCS throughout the community so patients might obtain more efficient access to treatment.

It is my honor to pay tribute to such a leader. He is an innovative thinker who continuously took it upon himself to confront various community issues with sound solutions.

Commissioner Paul Elizondo continues to keep track of the center's activities and services. At the national, State, and local level he is an omnipresent "watchdog" and advocate for the clients they serve. Above all, he wholeheartedly believes in the center, its people, its mission, and their ability to help the people they serve.

His hard work was much appreciated and along with others that know him, I would like the rest of America to recognize his many

contributions. Our community is fortunate to have had such a devoted leader.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 183, H. Res. 886, expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado, I would have voted "yea." I was held up in Pennsylvania due to a car accident that shut down the PA Turnpike.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANDREW B. CARROLL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam Carroll, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Adam has shown an extraordinary commitment to scouting as evidenced by earning 62 merit badges. Andrew is also a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Andrew's Eagle Scout service project consisted of constructing and placing two Martin Bird Houses at Messick Park in Savannah, Missouri. Andrew supervised other scouts, friends and family that assisted with this project. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Carroll for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO BERNIE BALTIC

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Bernie Baltic of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Baltic, who recently passed away, was a tireless champion of liberty. His advocacy of applying the freedom philosophy to the issues of the day was made all the more effective by his voracious reading of both the classics of liberty and the latest policy studies.

Any politician or bureaucrat at any level of government who threatened individual liberty was sure to hear from Mr. Baltic. Mr. Baltic also worked to educate and mobilize his fellow citizens in the cause of liberty through writing

letters to the editor, and by directly challenging anti-liberty officials at forums such as city council meetings. In addition to his own activities, Mr. Baltic generously shared his support and counsel with numerous organizations that work to advance the cause of liberty.

Perhaps Mr. Baltic's most lasting contribution to the freedom movement came when then-president of the Advocates for Self Government Marshall Fritz showed Mr. Baltic a computer game Mr. Fritz developed that identified an individual's political philosophy based on responses to 10 questions on economic issues and 10 questions on civil liberties. Mr. Baltic, who was quite impressed with the chart, suggested that the Advocates produce business-card sized versions of the graph and quiz. The result was the "World's Smallest Political Quiz," one of the freedom movement's most recognized and effective outreach tools.

Bernie Baltic set an example for all those wishing to effectively advance the cause of liberty. Madam Speaker, I salute Bernie Baltic for his many contributions to the freedom movement and extend my condolences to Mr. Baltic's family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, April 14, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday, I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 886, rollcall vote No. 183; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 994, rollcall vote No. 184; and I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3548, rollcall vote No. 185.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN W. DRUMMOND

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great statesman, a tremendous public servant and a good friend. Senator John W. Drummond will retire this year after serving in the South Carolina General Assembly since 1965. His leadership will certainly be missed.

John W. Drummond was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, on September 29, 1919, to mill worker parents. He was the fourth of seven children growing up a deeply religious, working-class family, whose values shaped the man John was to become.

As a young man, John's family moved to the town of Ninety Six, where he attended school until he graduated in 1937. With few options available to him, John decided to join the military. He joined the 263rd South Carolina Coast Artillery Regiment, the equivalent of today's National Guard, and was stationed in Charleston. By early 1941, John earned the rank of Sergeant and he enjoyed military life. Everything changed with the bombing of Pearl Harbor later that year.